

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for making an item of footwear (2) and to a last (5) to be used in that method and apparatus. The last (5) includes a body (8) which mimicks the general shape of a foot around which an upper (3) for the item of footwear (2) is formed. The last body (8) has a base (9) corresponding to a sole of the general foot shape and the base is adapted to be heated to facilitate moulding of a rubber sole (4) to the upper (3) while the upper is still positioned on the forming last (5). The last preferably has heating means (16) located inside.